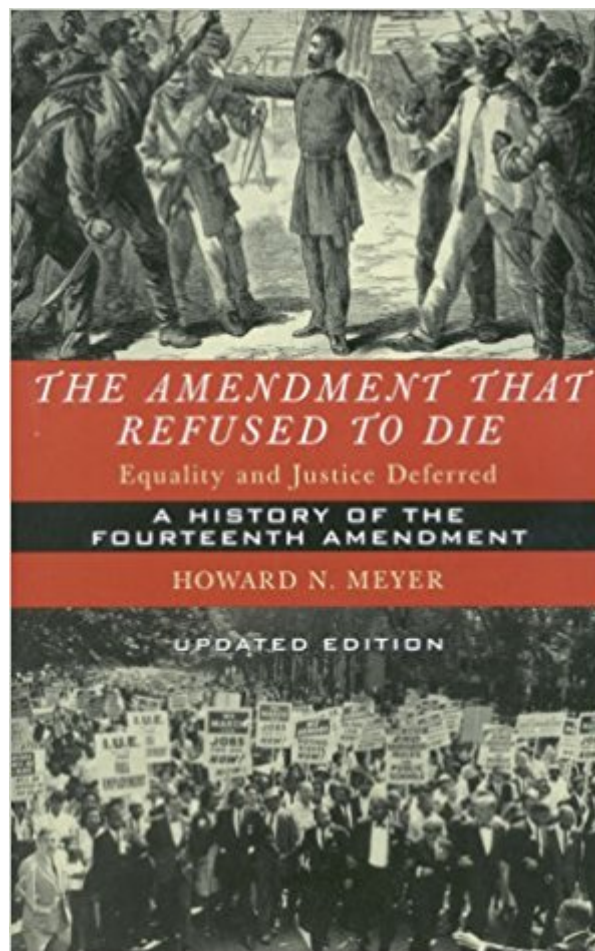




The book was found

# The Amendment That Refused To Die: Equality And Justice Deferred: The History Of The Fourteenth Amendment



## Synopsis

Relying on both celebrated and little-known cases, this acclaimed chronicle of the Fourteenth Amendment "a constitutional guarantee of equality and freedom and the cornerstone of individual liberty as we know it" traces the amendment's fascinating origins in the aftermath of the Civil War; its near repudiation; violent reactions against it; its revival in the twentieth century; and, in a substantial new afterword, its recent challenges and setbacks. Meyer looks at current attacks against the amendment, which threaten affirmative action, desegregation, voting rights, abortion rights, gay rights, and protection from oppressive measures of the State.

## Book Information

Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Madison Books; Updated Edition edition (September 26, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1568331703

ISBN-13: 978-1568331706

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.7 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.9 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #1,795,470 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #41 in Books > Law > Health & Medical Law > Right to Die #766 in Books > Law > Constitutional Law > Civil Rights #2771 in Books > Law > Constitutional Law > General

## Customer Reviews

Meyer's book ought to be in every library in the country. Rather it ought to be out of every library, in constant use, by lawyers, judges, laymen, preachers, teachers, students of all ages, by all Americans concerned about the realization and preservation of individual freedoms and their constitutional guarantees. (Dudley T. Cornish *The Midwest Quarterly*) A book about the Fourteenth Amendment that is both lively and scholarly is rare in itself. This book is much more than that. It recaptures lost moments in American history, penetrates the social conflicts behind legal arguments, and does all this with clarity and style. (Howard Zinn, Author of *A People's History of the United States* and Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Boston University)

Howard N. Meyer is an attorney, labor arbitrator, and civil rights historian. In addition to *The Amendment That Refused to Die*, he is the author of a biography of Ulysses S. Grant, *Let Us Have*

Peace, and a biography of Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Colonel of the Black Regiment.

If you are a normal person don't let the Forward to this book discourage you. It gets better. Overall this book was an enjoyable read. The first 3/4 of the book was well written, coherent, fair and had easily digestible chapters. It fell apart nearing the end. After reading this book I now understand the intention and implications of this amendment, namely, to apply to the States, the Bill of Rights for all Americans. Before reading this book I had little understanding that many States, both before and after the American Civil War, ignored the Bill of Rights in many areas. I understand better the legal, historical and cultural difficulties in applying this amendment and others. This book focused mainly on rights of black Americans, free speech and law enforcement. If you are a critical reader, you can overlook Mr. Meyer's strong opinions such as his excoriation of Justice Scalia's "we are one race, American". I am encouraged to learn of the perseverance of political minorities such as Thad Stevens, John Bingham, John Marshall and others. I may have found some new "political heroes." I learned more deeply that America always seems to correct her errors in regard to her American Constitutional ideal in law and culture although many times with a "snail's pace" and with many setbacks. I am more encouraged that the dignity of the human person may someday be protected in law, practice and culture as an American Constitutional ideal since it took a long struggle to understand the dignity of the black man, the ideal of free speech, tempered law enforcement and the like. I am disappointed that Mr. Meyer does not recognize a whole class of Americans who do not enjoy constitutional protections of the Bill of Rights, namely the pre-born. Defense of life from conception to natural death and of the family rooted in one man and one woman as the foundation of a healthy society should certainly enjoy the esteem of American Constitutional protections as well as rights of black Americans, free speech and law enforcement and the like.

My history classes glossed over the 14th Amendment. I remember them talking about the 13th and 15th Amendment, but the 14th was neglected. This is unfortunate, as it is the crown jewel of our Constitution. It had the potential--and the intent--to revolutionize America, making us a truly egalitarian society that took seriously the words of our Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal." Unfortunately, as this book well documents, it has been stolen from us and most often used, not to protect the powerless from the powerful, but to protect the powerful who don't need protection. The Supreme Court, including The Five who now control the Court, has been a major force in twisting and mutilating this amendment to make the corporate elites more

powerful. This great book provides a tool to educate people about how America has lost its way, and how to get back on track.

Now in an updated and revised edition, Howard Meyer's *The Amendment That Refused To Die: Equality And Justice Deferred* is the fascinating and documented history of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The 14th Amendment guarantees equality and freedom for U.S. citizens, and Meyer traces the amendment's origins in the aftermath of the Civil War; its near repudiation; violent reactions against it; and its revival in the 20th century. Very highly recommended for American political science students and Constitutional studies reading lists, *The Amendment That Refused To Die* surveys current attacks against the amendment in ways that threaten 14th Amendment based affirmative action, desegregation, voting rights, abortion rights, gay rights, and protection from oppressive measures of the State legislation.

I must confess I have not read through the entirety of *The Amendment That Refused To Die*, but I think recent events have made crystal clear to all the importance of the Supreme Court and its evolving use (and misuse) of the Fourteenth Amendment. This book was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize when it was first published and it has been updated to preserve its relevance.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

*The Amendment That Refused to Die: Equality and Justice Deferred: The History of the Fourteenth Amendment*  
Casenote Legal Briefs: Constitutional Law keyed to Varat, Amar, and Cohen, Fourteenth Edition and Concise Fourteenth Edition  
*Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law*  
*Legislating for Equality: A Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms. Volume II: Americas (Legislating for Equality - A Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms (4 Vols.))*  
*The First Amendment: Transcripts of the Oral Arguments Made Before the Supreme Court in Sixteen Key First Amendment Cases (May It Please the Court)*  
*Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches (Pension Planning)*  
*Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality*  
*The Tiger's Child: The Story of a Gifted, Troubled Child and the Teacher Who Refused to Give Up On (One Child)*  
*Beautiful Child: The True Story of a Child Trapped in Silence and the Teacher Who Refused to Give Up on Her*  
*The Rest I Will Kill: William Tillman and the Unforgettable Story of How a Free Black Man Refused to Become a Slave*  
*The Marching Band Refused to Yield*  
*The Little Book of Biblical Justice: A Fresh Approach to the Bible's Teaching on Justice (The Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding Series)*  
*The Big Book of Restorative Justice: Four Classic*

Justice & Peacebuilding Books in One Volume (Justice and Peacebuilding) World History, Ancient History, Asian History, United States History, European History, Russian History, Indian History, African History. ( world history) Deculturalization and the Struggle for Equality: A Brief History of the Education of Dominated Cultures in the United States (Sociocultural, Political, and Historical Studies in Education) Popular Justice: A History of American Criminal Justice Deculturalization and the Struggle for Equality: A Brief History of the Education of Dominated Cultures in the United States Why Marriage: The History Shaping Today's Debate Over Gay Equality First Freedoms: A Documentary History of First Amendment Rights in America The "New Woman" Revised: Painting and Gender Politics on Fourteenth Street

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)